

## **Federal Government Must Do Its Job: Secure the Border**

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Madam Speaker, I state the obvious. The federal government has failed when it comes to immigration. It is no surprise that Arizona is stepping forward to do the job the federal government has not done.

Our country is a nation of laws, and they must be enforced. Whether or not this administration likes it, it is a federal crime not to carry status documents in the United States. If they would read it, administration officials would know that Arizona's new law gives local law enforcement the authority to enforce our laws by making it a state crime for illegal immigrants to fail to carry such documents.

Despite all of the misinformation and criticism, 71 percent of Arizonans, who live with this problem every day, support the new law. Though, it's not just Arizonans who are fed up with the government's failure. Many Kansans share their concern, and they support their efforts.

It is the responsibility of the President to defend the United States and its people. Rather than agreeing with foreign criticism, President Obama should stand with the American people who are demanding that the federal government address this problem and secure our border.